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1. SUBSTANCE REFTEL A HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO THE SWISS.
REACTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

A. G-19 LIST OF TOPICS. SWISS FEAR THAT EVEN ALLOWING CO-CHAIRMAN TO RECEIVE AND TRANSMIT G-19 LIST GIVES IT TOO MUCH STATUS AND WOULD IMPLY THAT G-8 AGREES THAT ALL THE TOPICS LISTED SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE COMMISSIONS. SWISS BELIEVE LIST SHOULD BE TREATED AS A SUGGESTION SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA II OF THE FINAL DECLARATION OF UNCTAD II, AND IN NO WAY AS THE BASIS FOR A DEBATE IN THE COMMISSIONS ON THEIR AGENDAS.

B. A G-8 LIST OF TOPICS? CONSISTENT WITH THEIR POSITION ON THE G-19 LIST, THE SWISS BELIEVE THE G-8 SHOULD NOT SUBMIT ANOTHER LIST ON FEBRUARY 11. TO HAVE THE CO-CHAIRMAN TAKE NOTE AND PASS ON THE G-19 LIST AND THEN FOLLOW UP WITH A G-8 LIST COULD LEAD TO THE LISTS THEMSELVES BECOMING THE BASIS FOR ARGUMENT OVER THE AGENDAS FOR THE COMMISSIONS AND TO IMMEDIATE CONFRONTATION WITH THE G-19. SWISS WOULD PREFER TO CONFIDENTIAL

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SEE AN AGENDA LIKE THE ONE ALREADY AGREED AMONG THE G-8 FOR THE COMMISSIONS ON ENERGY AND FINANCE; TO BEGIN WITH AN ASSESSMENT OF THE FACTS OF THE SITUATION, LEADING TO AN AGREED DIAGNOSIS AND LIST OF PROBLEMS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

C. TIMING OF COMMISSION MEETINGS. THE SWISS WILL SUPPORT THE U S POSITION, BUT BELIEVE THAT SOME COMPROMISE WILL BE NECESSARY.

THE LDC'S, LEVEY SAID, ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL TO SUPPORT THEIR PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND ARE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN PARIS TO DO SO.

D. FIRST MEETINGS OF COMMISSIONS. SWISS SUPPORT THE U S VIEW THAT THEY SHOULD BE ORGANIZATIONAL. LEVEY AND HIS SWISS COLLEAGUES THINK THAT THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE SOME GENERAL DECLARATIONS ON SUBSTANCE. AS FOR THE AGENDAS, THE SWISS BELIEVE THE G-8 SHOULD PROPOSE THAT IN ALL FOUR COMMISSIONS THE AGENDA BE ALONG THE LINES OF THE G-8 AGREED PROPOSALS FOR THE AGENDAS OF THE ENERGY AND FINANCE COMMISSIONS.

E. OBSERVERS. THE SWISS HAVE NOT YET DRAWN UP A LIST AND WERE PLEASED TO HAVE THE U S' TENTATIVE JUDGEMENT ON PERMANENT OBSERVERS.

F. ROLE OF THE CO-CHAIRMAN. THE SWISS WILL SUPPORT THE U S POSITION AND OPPOSE GIVING CO-CHAIRMAN A SUPERVISORY ROLE, AND THEIR READING IS THAT THE NON-OIL PRODUCING LDC'S WILL ALSO SUPPORT THAT POSITION.

2. SWISS WERE PUZZLED BY THE REFERENCE TO EXPERT GROUPS (PARA D REFTTEL A). THEY ASKED WHETHER WE MEANT GROUPS IN ADDITION TO THOSE ALREADY SET UP (THE HLG, TWP ETC.) OR DID WE HAVE SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND, ALONG THE LINES OF THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 6 REFTTEL B; E.G. WORKING GROUPS WHICH WOULD MEET IN PARIS DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN COMMISSION MEETINGS AND AT A LOWER LEVEL?.

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